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## FIRST SHOT AGAINST AUSTRIA

## SNOW HALTS DRIVE OF GERMANS ON THE ITALIANS

RUSS DROP  
8 MILLION  
PAMPHLETS  
IN GERMANY

DELEGATES RETURN FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH KAISER'S LEADERS ON ARMISTICE.

(By Associated Press.)  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—(Monday)—A delegation of thirteen, representing all of the Russian front, started to Brest-Litovsk today to resume armistice negotiations.

Bolshevik Foreign Minister Trotsky has dismissed all Russian ambassadors and their staffs because they ignored his demands to renounce the Kerensky government. The senate, the highest Russian court, and all other courts in Petrograd have been dispersed and revolutionary tribunals substituted.

Russian delegates reported the Germans demanded an immediate cessation of distribution of Russian literature to the Teutons. They said 8,000,000 pamphlets already had been distributed.

It is announced that revolutionary courts will be established on December 20 throughout the country to assist the Bolsheviks in repelling counter-revolutions and stop brigandage, sabotage and speculation.

(By Associated Press.)  
JASSY, Dec. 11.—(Monday)—It is officially announced that the armistice has been signed. Hostilities were suspended yesterday until further notice.

(By Associated Press.)  
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12.—Russian demobilization has begun. Peace negotiations restricted to the Russian front have been authorized, according to a semi-official German news agency.

TENER ELECTED HEAD  
OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The re-election of John K. Tener as president of the league for a period of one year and the transaction of routine business occupied the attention of the magnates of the National league here yesterday. When they adjourned it was said that there was no possibility of a joint meeting with the American league in Chicago until late in the week. Such a conference was announced by Chairman Garry Herrmann of the national commission for Thursday, but the other National league club owners apparently desired more time for the consideration of their own affairs before meeting with the American league magnates.

President Tener's name was the only one considered for the position of league executive. The vote was unanimous and President Tener accepted.

## PLOT TO KILL STOCK.

(By Associated Press.)  
GREYBULL, Wyo., Dec. 11.—That a systematic plot to destroy cattle and other livestock in the Greybull neighborhood has been discovered in the belief of officers who have investigated several recent killings. In each case a portion of the tongue of the animal has been cut off, and officers believe this is done so that the perpetrators may obtain a reward for killing the cattle.

(By Associated Press.)  
GENEVA, Dec. 12.—Dispatches received here by way of Vienna report that the sultan of Turkey is seriously ill.

U. S. TROOPS EXCEL  
IN BARRAGE PRACTICE

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 12.—Regiments of a newly arrived division had their first experience Sunday with an artillery barrage when they followed one in sweeping over a theoretical German trench which had been named the Von Kluck line. So well has the artillery been trained that the high explosive shells burst with clock-like regularity ahead of the advancing troops, as if the artillerymen had been conducting barrage fire for years. There was not a hitch anywhere in the firing, which was directed by airplanes hovering overhead.

After "taking" the Von Kluck line the troops at a given position on the hills nearby watched the barrage sweep on to a second theoretical objective named the Hindenburg line, and the main objective, which was the Berlin point. This was for the purpose of showing the new arrivals the progress of the shell explosions. The regiments in the maneuvers will work with the barrage a certain time until fully accustomed to advancing behind one. Then others will be given the same training.

SENATE STARTS  
MUNITION PROBE

ORDNANCE CHIEF SAYS NO SHORTAGE OVERSEAS; HAS NEW PLAN FOR LABOR.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The senate military committee began today its inquiry into the general conduct of the war with the investigation of war department activities. The first witness was Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, who said the commission of a 5-year program into one year was the obstacle to early work. The preparation of estimates and actual congressional appropriations caused further delay.

He said he had prepared all he could for sudden expansion before the war declaration.

Crozier has prepared a plan to deal with the munitions labor problem for submission to congress with Secretary Baker's consent. He declined to reveal its scope. He said the indications are that the department will be able to keep Americans sufficiently supplied with artillery with the help of England and France. "We are not short on the other side, and won't be," he said.

U. S. PROVIDES MONEY  
FOR MISSISSIPPI FLEET

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The shipping board has provided \$3,360,000 for the construction of twenty-four barges and four tugs to operate on the Mississippi river, in an endeavor to relieve the railway traffic congestion.

OHIO GOVERNOR TAKES  
LAW IN OWN HANDS

(By Associated Press.)  
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 12.—The governor has ordered solid trains of coal to be assembled and sent immediately to points in Ohio that are most seriously in need of fuel, regardless of the refusal of the federal and state fuel administrations to sanction the action.

## PACKERS FIGHT REGULATIONS.

(By Associated Press.)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—State Food Administrator Merritt to-

## \$1.00 FOR SILVER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—Nevada silver producers will confer Friday with the Directors of the Mint on the government's plan to purchase the bulk of the country's output for the year. It is reported the treasury has tentatively approved a price of \$1.00 an ounce.

WAR AIMS  
OF ALLIES  
DISCUSSED

WINSTON CHURCHILL SAYS SITUATION IS SERIOUS; DENOUNCES PEACE AGITATORS.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—Speaking at Bedford on the subject of the allies' war aims, Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, said that the situation was more serious than it had been reasonable three months ago to expect. The country and the allied cause, Colonel Churchill added, were endangered.

"When I say the country is passing through a time of danger," Colonel Churchill continued, "I mean there are people who wish to bring about a premature peace. They are listening to the supphistries and dangerous counsel of certain politicians. People who say 're-state your war aims' really mean to make peace with the victorious huns."

LONG FLIGHT RECORD  
BROKEN BY AVIATRIX

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Miss Katherine Stinson, Texas aviatrix, established a new official American non-stop record for airplane flights when she arrived here yesterday afternoon from San Diego, Cal., covering the distance of 610 miles in nine hours and ten minutes. Miss Stinson suffered somewhat from the cold, due to the high altitude at which she flew, but otherwise she experienced little discomfort on the long trip. In crossing the Tehachapi mountains in Southern California she reached her highest altitude of the journey, 9,000 feet.

NAME REBEL CHIEF  
FOR FOREIGN MINISTER

(By Associated Press.)  
LISBON, Dec. 11.—(Tuesday)—Dr. Sidonio Pass, leader of the revolution, has been made premier and foreign minister. Machado Santos, who led the uprising a year ago, was made minister of the interior.

day refused the request of some cattlemen and packers for temporary suspension of meatless Tuesday in Southern California. They urged suspension as a means of disposing of several thousand cattle, alleged to be threatened with starvation because of the scarcity of feed and lack of transportation facilities.

BELGIAN RELIEF SHIP  
IS HELD AT HALIFAX

(By Associated Press.)  
THE HAGUE, Dec. 12.—The British legation has informed the Netherlands Overseas Trust, owners of the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, with a Belgian relief cargo, which is being detained at Halifax by having been provided with no safe conduct or distinguishing marks, and also by having passengers aboard under these circumstances, especially in view of the recent German seizure of the Belgian relief steamer Haelen, that Britain cannot undertake the responsibility of permitting the ship to continue her voyage.

PRESIDENT MAKES  
WAR ANNOUNCEMENT

ONLY DANGEROUS AUSTRIANS WILL BE INTERRED; NO RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENTS.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Proclaiming a state of war with Austria, the president today specified that only dangerous Austrians should be interned and that most restrictions applied to Germans should not apply to Austrians. They will be registered by the police and prohibited from entering or leaving the United States without special permission. No restrictions will be placed on their movements within the United States.

## 2 34 PER CENT FOR BEER.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—President Wilson last night issued a proclamation reducing the alcoholic content of beer brewed after January 1, 1918, to 2 34 per cent by weight, and prohibiting the use in the manufacture of malt liquors of more than 70 per cent of the average amount of foods, fruits, food materials and feeds used in such manufacture during the one-year period ending on that date.

## HUTTON MADE MAJOR.

(By Associated Press.)  
SACRAMENTO, Dec. 12.—Attorney Frank Hutton of Los Angeles was today commissioned major in the officers' reserve corps and assigned to assist the adjutant general in the execution of the draft law.

## WOULD RAISE RATES.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—The Pacific Gas and Electric company has applied to the railroad commission for permission to raise electric rates in fourteen counties of California.

MEATLESS, WHEATLESS  
DAYS FOR THE TROOPS

(By Associated Press.)  
CAMP FUNSTON, Dec. 12.—General Wood has ordered that whenever possible the eighty-ninth division of the national army must observe at least nine meatless meals a month, substituting fish. Cornmeal products are to be served for nine meals a month instead of wheat bread. Vegetable oils are to be substituted for animal fats.

COSSACKS  
HOPING FOR  
U. S. TROOPS

KALEDINES, COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY LEADER WANTS AMERICAN AID.

(By Associated Press.)  
The solidification of opposition is menacing Bolshevik power in Petrograd. The cossacks have advanced northward.

Russian officials in London assert the Bolshevik opponents are composed of leaders of other political powers as well as the Cossacks. The leaders believe they will soon dispose of the Bolsheviks and place a formidable force against the Germans in spring to keep them out of the grain, coal and mineral field of Southern Russia. They are depending on allied support and hope an American army will be sent to aid the counter-revolution.

MUNITION PLANT  
RAZED BY FIRE

4500 SHELLS EXPLODED; ONE KILLED; INCENDIARY PLOT IS SUSPECTED.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A fire destroyed the shell loading buildings of the Bethlehem Steel company's plant near New Castle today. It exploded 4500 shells. One guard was killed. The damage is placed at \$200,000. An incendiary plot is suspected.

LA FOLLETTE HEARING  
IS AGAIN POSTPONED

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Another hitch has developed to further postpone the senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech. The committee discussed whether further investigation would be made by the sub-committee or the full committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure and deferring for the present the proposed examination of former Secretary Bryan.

## TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah.	1917	1916
5 a. m.	29	32
9 a. m.	33	34
12 noon	40	42
2 p. m.	42	45
Maximum Dec. 11	44	40
Minimum Dec. 11	33	20
Relative humidity at 2 p. m. today	54 per cent.	

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ROME CELEBRATES U. S.  
DECLARATION OF WAR

(By Associated Press.)  
ROME, Dec. 12.—Allied Rome is today decorated with Italian and American flags to celebrate the declaration of war by the United States against Austria-Hungary. A parade several miles in length, comprising senators, deputies, clubs, associations and townspeople, marched through the city Monday to the square facing the American embassy, where a great demonstration was held, two bands playing Italian and American airs. Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page and his staff appeared at the windows of the embassy and were enthusiastically greeted.

The mayor of Rome, Prince Colonna, convoked the municipality for a special sitting at the capital in honor of the United States. In a speech emphasizing the great proof President Wilson had given of the friendship of America toward Italy by rushing to fight by her side the moment the enemy had invaded Italian territory, Prince Colonna declared that America and Italy were indissolubly united in a war of liberty, justice and civilization, against tyranny. Amid cheers the prince proposed to name a street in Rome for President Wilson.

AMERICANS LEAD  
IN HALIFAX AID

HOMELESS ABLE TO DISCARD TATTERED GARMENTS FOR NEW CLOTHING.

(By Associated Press.)  
HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—Revised estimates reduce the list of dead to approximately 1,800.

American and Canadian workers estimated that between 300 and 500 are totally or partly blind. Two hundred children were made orphans. A general funeral will be held Friday. Some will rest beside Titanic victims and others will occupy so many graves in the Camp Hill cemetery that the burial ground will be closed thereafter.

LA FOLLETTE HEARING  
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(By Associated Press.)  
HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—The American hospital and relief units are working full blast here. Enough supplies had been received today to relieve distress and the homeless discarded the burned and tattered garments they had been wearing since the munition ship exploded, and felt warm and comfortable again in good clothes.

A trip through the hospital zone showed that facilities were adequate for a city the size of Halifax. American surgeons are still picking the broken fragments from the faces, eyes and heads of hundreds, many of whom may be marked for life or blind. At Bellevue hospital, surgeons took stock yesterday and found that glass wounds predominated.

The situation of the injured is the best possible, the general committee has announced, and the task of reconstruction is going forward in a manner which would indicate that in a little while Halifax will be in large part restored.

SURVIVORS OF JONES  
ON RAFTS 17 HOURS

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The story of a survivor of the Jacob Jones sinking shows that two small boats and three life rafts floated clear of the wreckage. The men aboard them were rescued after seventeen hours of exposure.

(By Associated Press.)  
DEMING, N. M., Dec. 12.—Gov. Peter Norbeck of South Dakota arrived at Camp Cody yesterday to visit the national guardmen from his state stationed here.

AMERICAN  
FIRES BIG  
SHELL AT  
INVADERS

REPRESENTATIVE TINKHAM, A NON-COMBATANT, DISCHARGES FIRST GUN ACROSS PIAVE.

(By Associated Press.)  
ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN ITALY, Dec. 11.—(Tuesday)—The first American shot was fired against Austria today when Representative Tinkham pulled a string that sent a 145-millimeter shell hurling across the Lower Piave river. A cloud of black smoke marked where the shell exploded against the Austrian positions. The Italian batterymen cheered.

Tinkham fired the shot by invitation of the colonel in command, during a heavy artillery along the Piave river. The bombardment was especially concentrated back of Mount Grappa, between the Piave and Brenta rivers. This may be an indication of another enemy drive from that direction.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Tinkham is assumed to have the status of a non-combatant by the attacking troops. According to the rules of war he is liable to execution by the Austrians if captured.

Early in the war German troops were ordered to execute promptly any Americans fighting with the British or French, because they were citizens of a country with which Germany was at peace. The fact that war has been declared does not alter the situation of an American civilian who engages in hostilities.

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 12.—The German general staff announced today that the entente aircraft losses for November total twenty-two captive balloons and 205 airplanes. The German losses were put at sixty airplanes and two balloons.

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY, Dec. 1.—(Tuesday)—Snow began falling in the mountain districts today, when the Teutons were endeavoring to break through, and increased the optimism of those who have been confident the drive would be checked.

(By Associated Press.)  
The infantry is inactive in the west and in Italy. German reinforcements

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BUTLER  
THEATRE

## TO-NIGHT

TAYLOR HOLMES,  
The Celebrated Star, in  
"EFFICIENCY EDGAR'S  
COURTSHIP"  
A wonderful comedy-drama.  
Taken from the Saturday Evening Post.

Latest Release Hearst-Pathé News

## TOMORROW

Bessie Love (Star of "The Sawdust Ring"), in "Wee Lady Betty."

Mattinee 1:30—Night 7 & 8:30  
Admission 11c and 17c